

September 5, 2017

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

Members Present: Mayor Corcoran, Committeemen Henderson, Hughes, Bruning, D'Angeli

Members Absent None

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, Attorney Kurnos, Road Foreman Macko

Mayor Corcoran opened the meeting stating that it was being held in compliance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, Sections 4 & 13.

Minutes - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Henderson, to accept and place on file the minutes of August 1, 2017. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Cemetery (Sunset Inn Road) Resolution - Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF
A CEMETERY ON BLOCK 10, LOTS 3.02 AND 4 OF LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, Lafayette Township Ordinance No. 2016-13 establishes the Cemetery Overlay Zone ("Ordinance No. 2016-13"), which governs the development of Block 10, Lot 3.02 and Lot 4 consisting of approximately 77.9 acres (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, CMS-Mid Atlantic, Inc. ("CMS") has submitted a formal request for Township Committee approval to establish a cemetery expected to be known as the Eternal Sunset Memorial Park and Cemetery (the "Cemetery") at the Property; and

WHEREAS, the details of said request are set forth in a project narrative included with the application and are shown on the plans and other materials (the "Plans") submitted to the Township Land Use Board; and

WHEREAS, the request for approval has been reviewed by the Township professional staff and the Township Land Use Board, which granted Preliminary and Final Site Plan approval for a cemetery on the Property at their meeting of July 27, 2017, finding the application complied with the requirements of Ordinance 2016-13, which approval was memorialized in a Land Use Board Resolution dated August 24, 2017 (the "Approval"); and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee, having considered the Plans, as well as the Approval, finds that the proposed Cemetery fully complies with Township Ordinance, would be in the public interest, and a beneficial use for the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The use of the Property for cemetery purposes as more particularly described in Ordinance No. 2016-13 and the Cemetery at the Property is hereby approved.

2. This approval is granted in reliance on the layout, design, and other features of the Cemetery shown on the plans and described in the other materials submitted by CMS as part of approval of the Land Use Board.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Reports

Tax Collector - For August 2017

Tax Map Fee	\$150.00
Cost of Sale	\$100.24
Prior Year Taxes	\$27,754.74
Current Year Taxes	\$1,424,165.86
Prepaid Taxes 2018	\$70.30
Interest	\$5,057.07
Total	\$1,457,298.21

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Henderson, to accept the Tax Collector's report as submitted. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Committee Reports

Streets and Roads - D'Angeli reviewed the Road Foreman's report. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding roads that need to be repaired and the sequence of repairing the roads. Road Foreman Macko asked to hire a company to mill Van Sickle Road for \$22,000 as the Road Department is behind on other projects. The Committee discussed the issue as a \$70,000+ machine was previously purchased for this use.

Macko feels road repairs will need to be finalized earlier in the year. Hughes said a list of the roads needing repair and the approximate costs is needed. D'Angeli will meet with Road Foreman Macko and the Township Engineer to discuss a plan.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to introduce the following spending Ordinance and set the public hearing date of September 19, 2017:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR ENGINEERING AND ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS ROADS AND APPROPRIATING \$22,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND – IMPROVEMENTS TO ROADS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The funding for Engineering and additional costs for the Improvements to various roads and appropriating \$22,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund – Improvements to Roads.

Section 2. The total amount of \$22,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund – Improvements to Roads.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication of notice of final adoption as provided by law.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-no, Hughes-no, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Hughes recommended a plan be available in December so the projects can be properly budgeted. Road Foreman suggested renting a sweeper next summer; and Bruning disagreed stating it was too cost prohibitive.

Recreation Commission - Bruning reported the beach was closed on August 4, 2017 due to no lifeguards being available to work the rest of the season.

Fire Department - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to 12 calls in June, 12 calls in July and 9 calls in August.

Open Space Committee (OSAC) - Henderson reported properties are continuing to be reviewed.

Affordable Housing-SCARC - Hughes reported SCARC is seeking to open another home and asked if Lafayette would be interested. Ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars is available in the Township's trust. Hughes explained the Township would gain four (4), possibly six (6), with this new home; and he reviewed the calculations.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Bruning, to direct the CFO to reserve \$10,000 of the developer's fees in the COAH account for a SCARC group home. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Emergency Management - Hughes reported communication is continuing regarding the upcoming storms.

Elizabethtown Gas-Line Extension - Hughes reported a lack of communication occurred regarding the contacting of Township businesses by Elizabethtown Gas and will be corrected.

SCMUA Noise Complaints - Hughes reported complaints were made by residents regarding the crushing of stone by the SCMUA. He contacted the SCMUA and was assured the contractor will change its operating hours.

The SCMUA will be asked to attend a meeting to give an update to the Committee and Township residents.

Sidewalks Grant - Hughes reported the Township Engineer has completed the application for the sidewalks grant; however, it is too late for this round. It will be considered in the next round provided there is enough funding.

EMS - Corcoran reported the EMS responded to 18 calls, with seven (7) of them being to group homes.

Land Use Board - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of August 24, 2017.

New Business

Zoning Map Correction Resolution - Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to adopt the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION TO CORRECT A ZONING MAP ERROR FOR
BLOCK 14, LOTS 38.05 AND 54

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey was made aware of an error on the Township Zoning Map regarding Block 14, Lots 38.05 and 54; and

WHEREAS, due to a scrivener's error, the properties were mistakenly included in the Public Zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey to correct a scrivener's error for the zoning of Block 14, Lots 38.05 and 54 to be in the Residential Zone – R-2.5 effective the date of the adoption of this Resolution.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Vietnam Veterans' Memorial - Mr. Mike Eckstein said the gazebo and walkways at the memorial need to be repaired. He said the chapter holds a POW Recognition Day every year and use the gazebo then and at other times during the year. He said people from other states, also, visit the memorial.

Bruning said the work will be done. He will inspect the area and report back to the Township Committee.

Correspondence

a. From Bill Paterson - Notice of Retirement

The Township Committee regretfully accepts Mr. Paterson's notice of retirement.

b. From Freeholders Board Clerk re: public question on November 7th election ballot

c. Mayors Committee on Life Sciences Program

d. From Wayne Levante re: County consolidated school system

Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to adopt the following Resolution:

SUPPORTING THE EXPLORATION OF A SUSSEX COUNTY
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the school systems in the State of New Jersey are largely independently run and are funded by the taxpayers, resulting in increasing property taxes to New Jersey residents; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee appreciates the importance of the education system, public schools and teachers, but also recognizes that increased property taxes are driving residents out of Sussex County and Lafayette Township; and

WHEREAS, student enrollment in Sussex County schools is decreasing, yet per-pupil costs continue to rise, resulting in higher property taxes to Sussex County residents; and

WHEREAS, a consolidated County school system would result in significant savings to the taxpayers of Sussex County, via less administrative staff and other personnel, and ultimately lower property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette favors a consolidated school system and desires to show its support for a consolidated school system within Sussex County; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee proposes the following structure for a consolidated school system: one (1) County Superintendent, one (1) County Business Office and all schools within the County overseen by the County Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette hereby declares its support for a consolidated Sussex County school system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution are to be forwarded to the Clerks of all Sussex County municipalities, State Legislators representing the Township of Lafayette, Lafayette Township Board of Education, Sussex County Superintendent of Schools, Sussex County League of Municipalities, New Jersey League of Municipalities, and the New Jersey Governor's Office.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

e. Hopatcong Borough Resolution supporting County consolidated school system

f. From Joshua Cohen re: Anti-Defamation League Mayors' Compact

g. Green and Liberty Townships Resolutions Supporting Amending Open Public Records Law (A4532 – S3049)

Vouchers

Aurora Electrical Supply	25.85
Campbell Supply Company of Sussex County	455.50
Constellation New Energy, Inc.	44.86
Cooper Electric Supply Co.	304.87
Deluxe International Trucks, Inc.	116.86
EMSL Analytical, Inc.	195.00
Finch Fuel Oil Co., Inc.	2,388.93
Joshua D. Mackoff, LLC	1,950.00
Lafayette Auto Parts Supply, LLC	477.64
Kimball-Midwest	164.73
Montague Tool & Supply Co.	241.31
ND Engineering, LLC	2,293.50
Newton Trophy & Sports Center, LLC	27.00
Peggy Pak	900.00
Royal Pontiac-Buick-GMC	371.49
Service Electric Cable TV of NJ, Inc.	19.95
The New Jersey Herald	64.50
Verizon Wireless	239.55
WeatherWorks	1,580.00

Motion by Henderson, seconded by Hughes, to pay the bills on the Bills List. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Old Business

Salary Amendment Ordinance - Mayor Corcoran opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE FOR THE YEAR 2017" WHICH WAS ADOPTED JANUARY 17, 2017

With there being no comments from the public, Mayor Corcoran closed the public hearing.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Henderson, to adopt the Salary Amendment Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Improvements to Roads \$100,000 Spending Ordinance - Mayor Corcoran opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR ENGINEERING AND ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS ROADS AND APPROPRIATING \$100,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND – IMPROVEMENTS TO ROADS

With there being no comments from the public, Mayor Corcoran closed the public hearing.

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Bruning, to adopt the Improvements to Roads \$100,000 Spending Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Zoning Officer - The Zoning Officer will be asked to submit a zoning report the first week of each month.

Grant Applications - Road Foreman Macko suggested the engineers from Hardyston and Lafayette meet to discuss the improvements to Big Spring/Monroe Road as this could possibly help with obtaining a grant.

The Township Engineer will be asked for a report of activity for the next meeting.

Gardener - Bruning suggested the Township hire a gardener to care for the municipal areas as the Road Department has a busy schedule. It suggested the salary not to exceed \$750.00.

It was the consensus of the Township Committee to hire a gardener. The Clerk will advertise the position.

Adjourn

There being no further business, motion by Bruning, seconded by Henderson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk